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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the fee for and examination of the enclosed patent application, kindly amend the same as follows:

## In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-64.

Please amend claims 65 and 66 as follows:

65. (Amended) A method of inhibiting cholesterol biosynthesis in a patient in need of such treatment by comprising administering a pharmaceutical composition as defined by claim 78, wherein the composition comprises a hypocholesterolemic amount of a compound of Formula I

$$R_5$$
 $N-R_4$ 
 $R_2$ 
 $R_3$ 
 $R_4$ 

Formula I